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In re A	pplication of:)	
LEON	ARD et al.		Group Art Unit: 1645 (Prior Application No. 09/512,930)
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	USE OF IL-12 AND IL-12 ANTAGONISTS IN THE TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES)))	

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicants enclose copies of the listed documents. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law,

Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding
the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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